

MEDIAWIKI STAKEHOLDERS' GROUP

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WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT MEDIAWIKI AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

Hello

Agenda

introduce stakeholders group

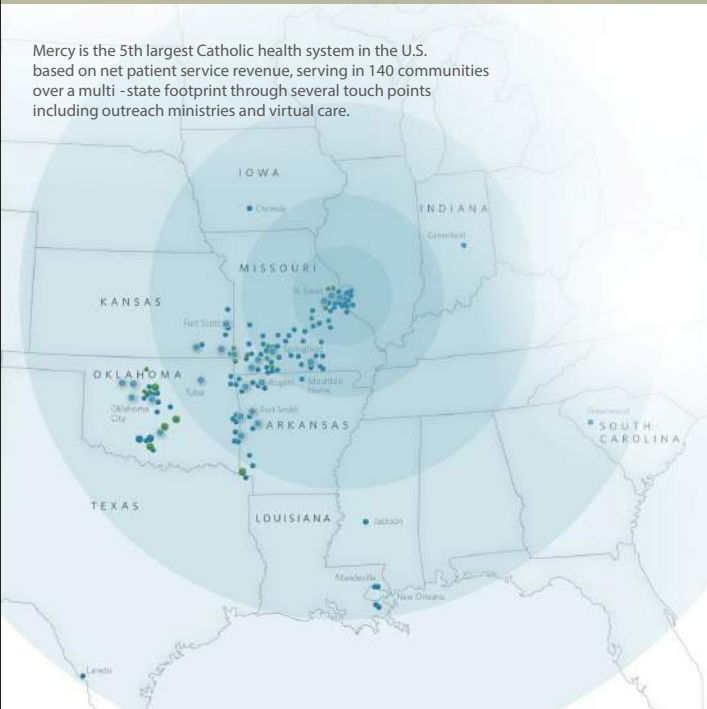
accomplishments

What's going on with mediawiki

Ask the question, "what is the future?"

Ask you to get involved and continue this discussion

Mercy is the 5th largest Catholic health system in the U.S. based on net patient service revenue, serving in 140 communities over a multi-state footprint through several touch points including outreach ministries and virtual care.



Hospitals & Ambulatory Sites

as of June 2014

- 29 acute care hospitals
- 4 managed/affiliated hospitals
- 4 heart hospitals
- 3 rehab hospitals
- 2 children's hospitals
- 1 orthopedic hospital
- 680 physician practices
- 270 clinic locations
- 8 outpatient surgery centers
- 14 urgent care sites
- 18 convenient care centers

Medical Staff & Co-workers

as of June 2014

- 38,000 co-workers
- 2,000 integrated physicians
- 850 integrated advanced practitioners

Utilization FY13

- 4,160 staffed beds
- 160,978 inpatient discharges
- 8,033,251 outpatient/physician office visits
- 603,477 ED visits

Financial Information FY13

- \$4.4 billion total operating revenue
- \$5.8 billion total assets
- \$284 million community benefit/charity care
- \$2.5 billion salaries & benefits



MEDIAWIKI STAKEHOLDERS' GROUP

Quick intro to Stakeholders' Group

Goals, accomplishments, next steps

- What' we started since the Spring SMWCon
- Our work in Lyon
- Presentation and Survey at Wikimania
- Building a Wishlist



about a year old, started by a few folks in this room! - Marcus, Manuel, Anja, Richard,
We've done a lot!



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started conversations around third-party
Had a really good response from the WMF and core Wikimedia's we spoke to.



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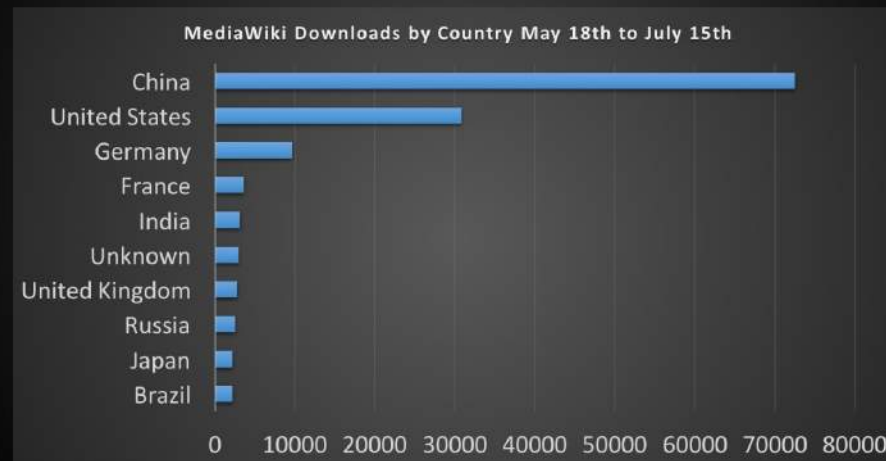
Wikimania

https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/2015_MediaWiki_User_Survey

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:2015_MediaWiki_User_Report.pdf

**MEDIAWIKI.ORG/WIKI/
2015_MEDIAWIKI_USER_
SURVEY**

MediaWiki Download Statistics

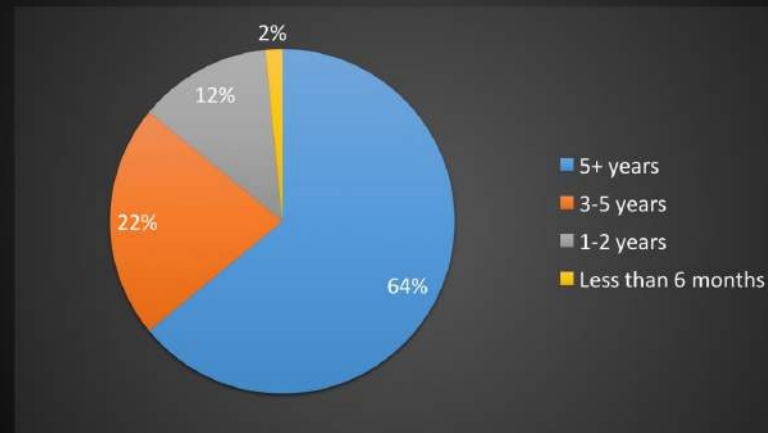


worked with WMF staff to get some stats

Top Downloads - Extensions

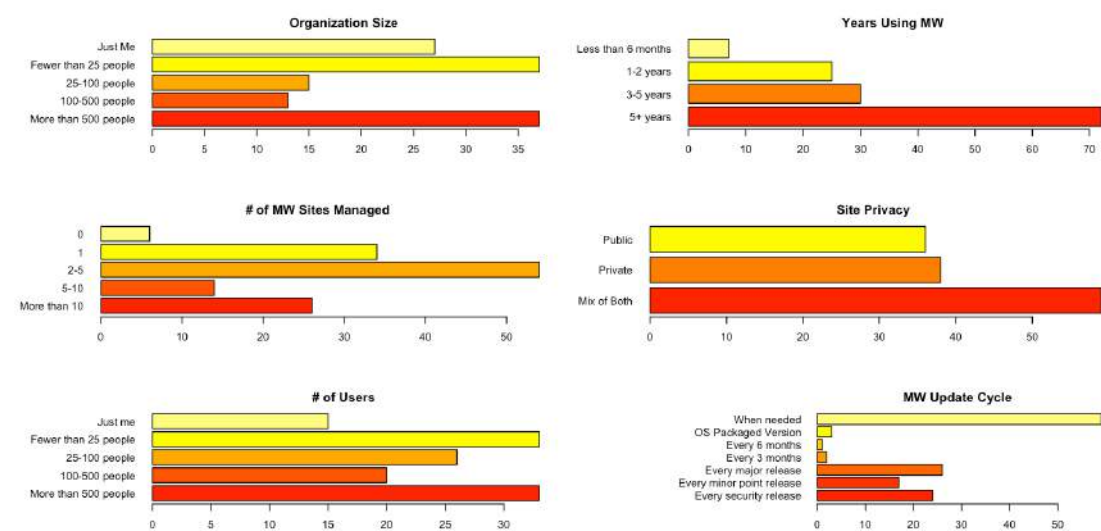
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| 5. VisualEditor | 18. googleAnalytics |
| 6. WikiEditor | 19. ConfirmEdit |
| 7. LdapAuthentication | 20. PdfBook |
| 8. Scribunto | 21. MultiUpload |
| 9. Math | 22. InputBox |
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How long have you been using MediaWiki?

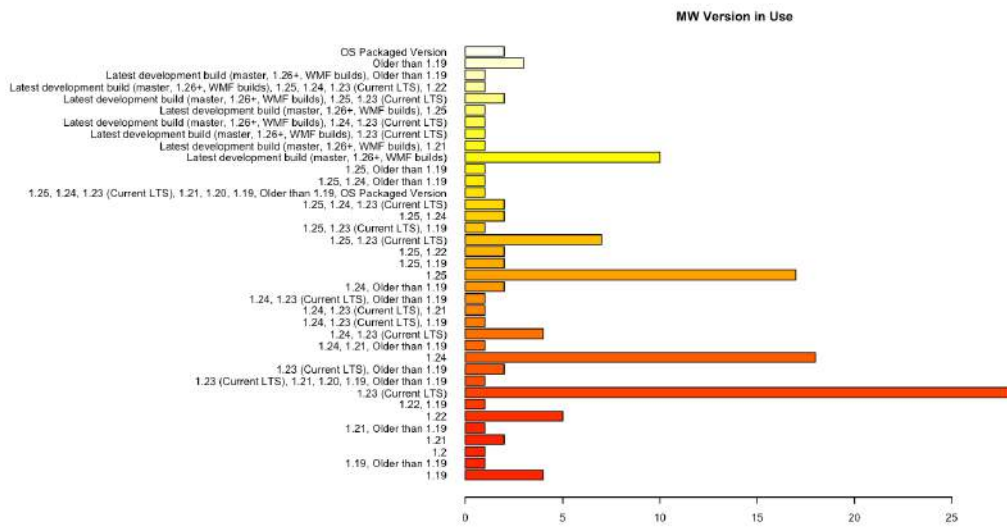


preliminary survey responses

SURVEY RESULTS



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WISHLIST

What we found is that there is some overlap with wikimedia uses of mediawiki - and there are come clear divergences

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- ▶ Primary Requirements
 - ▶ Easier installation, extension management and a better upgrade process
 - ▶ Editing and VisualEditor
 - ▶ Skinning and UI
 - ▶ Access Controls and Rights Management

3 Secondary Requirements

3.1 Performance

3.2 Media Management and Licensing

3.3 Template Management

3.4 Release Management

3.5 Specific Ideas for Extensions

3.6 Marketing Tools and User Support

4 See also / Further feature wish-lists

4.1 Phabricator

4.2 Metawiki

4.3 MediaWiki.org

4.4 Semantic-mediawiki.org

4.5 Skinning

4.6 Other

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Secondary Requirements



**YEAH LIKE
WHATEVER**

So maybe you're still asking why you should care about mediawiki's future.
That's a good question. You should also be asking why the foundation cares
interesting conversations

MOST DEVELOPERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE WMF ARE EITHER AFRAID OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OR DISHEARTENED BY THE PACE OF MEDIAWIKI CORE DEVELOPMENT.

Anon WMF Staff

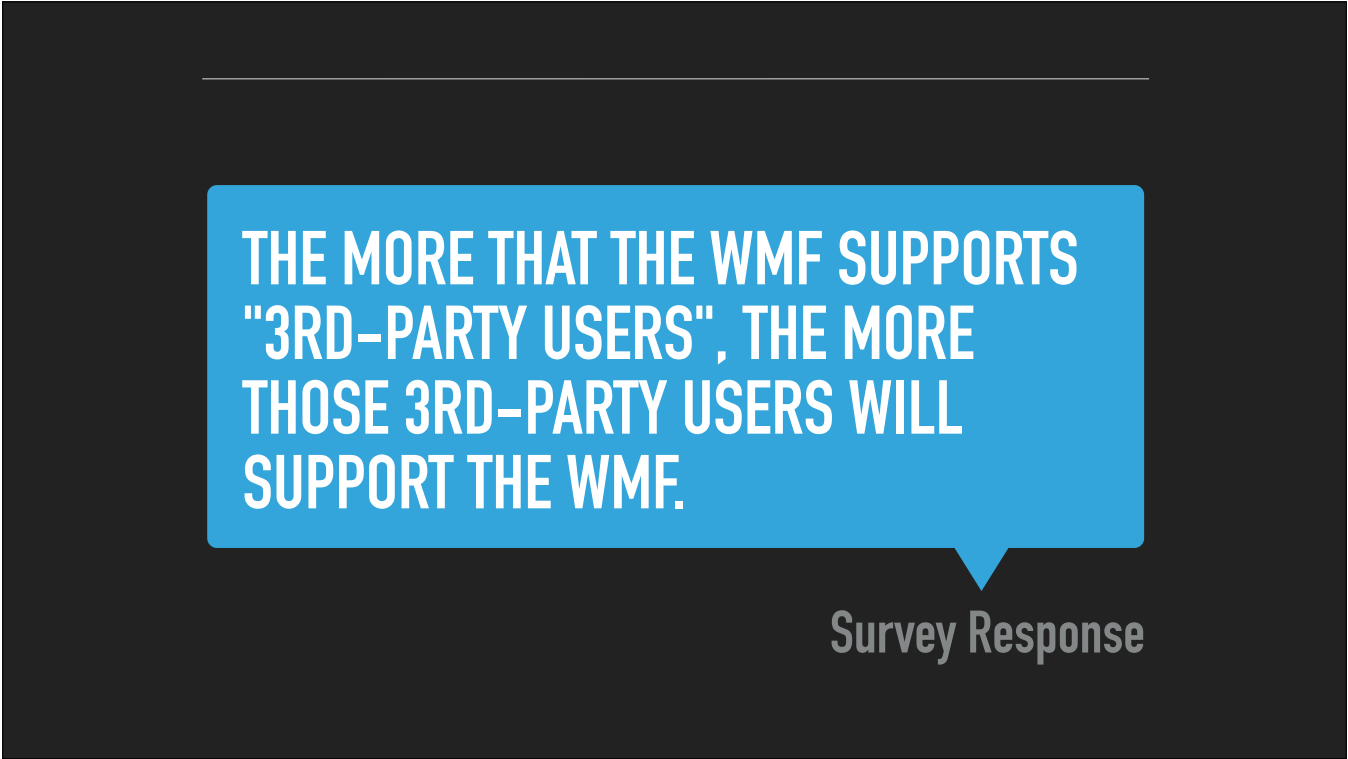
Quotes from WMF folks
Quotes from survey folks



**IS MEDIAWIKI DEVELOPMENT
PART OF THE WMF MISSION
OR A SIDE-EFFECT OF IT?**

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These are big, interesting, and impactful questions.



THE MORE THAT THE WMF SUPPORTS
"3RD-PARTY USERS", THE MORE
THOSE 3RD-PARTY USERS WILL
SUPPORT THE WMF.

Survey Response

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The underlying perception that MediaWiki's focus should be on Wikipedia. MediaWiki is bigger than Wikipedia and everyone needs to accept that fact. It is critical that the community address the needs of the majority, even if that means working on features that aren't relevant for Wikipedia. MediaWiki and Wikipedia can diverge and still thrive together. The more that the WMF supports "3rd-party users", the more those 3rd-party users will support the WMF.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WIKIMEDIA STOP
LOOKING AT ESSENTIAL EXTENSIONS
(ELASTICSEARCH, ECHO, VISUALEDITOR) AS
ADD-ONS INSTEAD OF INTEGRAL PARTS OF
THE SOFTWARE.

Survey Response

Survey response

I would like to see Wikimedia stop looking at essential extensions (ElasticSearch, Echo, VisualEditor) as add-ons instead of integral parts of the software.

**PHABRICATOR.
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This has all come to a bit of a head with this fabricator task.

Talk about what this is.

Talk about hosting folks chiming in, cost of VPS, effort to setup and maintain (secure) a VPS, etc.

“THE END OF SHARED HOSTING SUPPORT?”

The original title of that task was “The end of shared hosting support?” after many responses to "How should the WMF support non-technical mediawiki installs?”.

up for an interesting conversation -

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THE FUTURE

So let's talk about the future!

Wait, before that, let's define the present

THE PRESENT

Let's talk current state, as quickly as it moves

WHAT IS MEDIAWIKI?

What does it mean to have a successful MediaWiki wiki? One where folks are contributing, information is being documented, people are happy, etc. This question is really sticky, and even before we talk about what's next we need to define this

Does it mean just core and a handful of default extensions?

Does it include ConfirmAccount? WikiEditor? Semantic MediaWiki? Semantic Forms?

Upload Wizard? Echo? VisualEditor?

WHAT IS MEDIAWIKI TO YOU?

So there is no one clear answer. For me, It's as though we're sitting on the cusp of something great. MW is a strong platform, with many great features - but not enough mainstream.



FOR ME

I work in healthcare. Not everyone is using lasers to perform brain surgeries here. For me, it's a system that has a wysiwyg editor, inline image annotation, fast, searchable, with SSO against our existing authentication mechanisms. That means LDAPAuthentication, visual editor, upload wizard, echo. SMW is what makes it sticky...

THE FUTURE

What's coming in MediaWiki? Some practical items.

I didn't want to mislead anyone who thought this would be a roadmap talk.

1.25

- ▶ PHP 5.3.3 or newer
- ▶ skinning system changed
- ▶ install from git - fetch external libraries
- ▶ hitcounteres removed
- ▶ api breaking changes
- ▶ changes to extension loading

1.26

- ▶ Resource loader - scripts are loaded asynchronously
- ▶ Actual watchers count added
- ▶ Colon character in usernames now invalid
- ▶ Deprecated API formats dump and wddx have been removed completely.
- ▶ \$wgEnableParserCache was deprecated
- ▶ New-style continuation is now the default for API action=continue

NOVEMBER!

1.27

- ▶ \$wgDebugDumpSqlLength, \$wgDebugDBTransactions, \$wgUseXVO, \$wgScriptExtension removed
- ▶ \$wgUseLinkNamespaceDBFields was removed.
- ▶ \$wgDataCenterId and \$wgDataCenterRoles were added
- ▶ \$wgDataCenterUpdateStickTTL was also added.
- ▶ Added a new hook, 'UserMailerTransformContent', 'UserMailerSplitTo',
- ▶ \$wgCdnMaxageLagged was added,
- ▶ User::newSystemUser() may be used to simplify the creation of passwordless "system" users for logged actions from scripts and extensions.

Branches started on September 29, 2015, nearly a month

BEYOND

What does a longer-term future look like?

More services

wikitext as an editing interface only - pages stored as html - work is being done to use parsoid to provide read view of Wikipedia.

More services - have parsoid, Citoid, mathoid

Yes, while these are wikipedia things there are where the developers are focusing their time

more dependencies - pygments in SyntaxHighlighter

core now has dependencies moved when installing from git

MEDIAWIKI FOUNDATION?

So, I've waxed poetic about the changes in mediawiki - the literal changes in gerit, and the changes philosophically. I'd like to have a discussion with you all, What is Mediawiki?

Does mediawiki need to be 'owned' by a more neutral organization?

UNTIL THE WMF BOARD RECOGNIZES MEDIAWIKI AS A FIRST CLASS
PROJECT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FREE KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE THERE
WILL BE A
PERENNIAL DEBATE ABOUT USING WHAT IS LARGELY WIKIMEDIA
PROJECT DRIVEN
DONOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE WIKI FEATURES DESIRED BY 3RD PARTY
CONSUMERS.

Anon WMF Staff

IF MEDIAWIKI WERE GOVERNED BY AN INDEPENDENT BODY THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE BULK OF MEDIAWIKI DEVELOPMENT, THEN THE WMF WOULDN'T GET TO PICK WHAT USE CASES MEDIAWIKI SUPPORTS OR DOESN'T BASED ON ITS OWN MISSION STATEMENT.

Anon WMF Staff

GET INVOLVED

we need more folks, like you, in this conversation. This isn't going to happen over night and without some work. We need more voices in the task, open office hours, IRC, email, etc.

We hope you'll join us. We're at a really good place and are making progress. Making relationships, hearing that we have friends around the table. Let's make sure we all have a voice.

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MediaWiki Stakeholders' Group

Phabricator tag: mediawiki-stakeholders-group

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The group was recognized by the *Attilations Committee* on November 11, 2014. If you want to join us, put your name in the list of contributors.

This page serves the purpose of coordinating internal tasks of the group. To be kept up-to-date on our activities, you can follow the tasks on our workboard in Phabricator. We also keep an online presence at *MWStake.org* where we write about interesting news and events happening in the MediaWiki world.

Our scope of influence is deliberately broad and meant to be flexible to encompass the needs of our diverse community. Our areas of collaboration are described below.

- Communication and coordination among MediaWiki users.** We will be a nexus of support for MediaWiki users outside the Wikimedia sites. Users outside the WMF have a lot of experience. Still, there is a need to provide answers to their support questions. These users improve MediaWiki with extensions and share common problems. MediaWiki Cooperation aims to give them a voice to share their experience and coordinate their efforts.
- Coordination between different groups of MediaWiki developers and operators.** Core changes can sometimes break widely used extensions, but they also have the potential to greatly improve widely used extensions. Extension developers find bugs, improve core code and simply rely on the core. Operators of wikis outside WMF have their own issues, but could greatly benefit from and contribute to the experience of people running the Wikimedia sites.
- Foster the ecosystem around MediaWiki.** We recognize there is a range of developers, consultants, and companies that work with MediaWiki and improve functionality for their customers. We want to build a friendly environment for them to share their work and give them visibility. In addition, we want to make it easier for people seeking professional services and support to be able to find help.
- Facilitate implementation of MediaWiki features.** There is a need for features that are not in the core focus of Wikimedia sites, but could greatly improve the user experience of other wikis. Through the MediaWiki Cooperation, we aim to be able to support the development of these features.
- Improve documentation of extensions and MediaWiki visibility.** The documentation of MediaWiki, especially its extensions, is a key success factor for its use outside of Wikimedia sites. We aim to improve the quality of documentation and make it easier for outside users to assess the benefit and quality of extensions.

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- 10th Telco, 10. April 2015
- 9th Telco, 14. March 2015


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
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
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
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- 24 May 2015
- 8 May 2015
- 10 April 2015
- 14 March 2015
- 13 February 2015
- 26 January 2015
- 10 January 2015
- 5 December 2014
- 7 November 2014
- 17 October 2014

 Upcoming events

- [MWstake Meeting](#) 8 November 2015

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 - Breaking Change - Settings Variables for MediaWiki Extensions Will Need to be Renamed by Chris Koerner on 14 August 2015 15:20 (EDT)
 - Making Gerrit access easier for developers now to MediaWiki by Chris Koerner on 30 July 2015 11:17 (EDT)
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 - MediaWiki Benchmark Version 2 by Chris Koerner on 6 May 2015 15:32 (EDT)
 - Wikimedia Foundation Engineering Team Reorganizes by Chris Koerner on 4 May 2015 12:12 (EDT)
 - Upcoming In-Person Stakeholder Events by Chris Koerner on 1 May 2015 16:06 (EDT)
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Redeboer

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MarkAHershberger

Me!

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I'm interested!

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Don Bolser

Don't fork! :-)

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